

Wendover Hotel

New York Sunday 19 Oct

My dear Gray

Three times to say that I
arrived all right about nine
this morning - If I lived here
I should never travel any other
way between Boston & New York
My wife has been rather out
of sorts chiefly lying down
much muffled but is better
to day & we are just off for
a drive in the Central Park
after all my packing
yesterday I forgot one thing
left in the tray of my plant
trunk in the little room
above herbarium - a map

of the western territory of
Canada better than any
I have - I think it w^d
spoil it to send by post
so perhaps you will
put it in the pigeon hole
for New - & write my
name on the back -
It will reach me sooner
or later -

My wife is full of regret
at leaving America - though
she sometimes growls at
the cold as I did at the heat
but I am not without
hope of another trip

across the Atlantic
we shall talk of that when
you come next to London
meantime accept from
yourself & Mrs Gray
our affectionate remembrance
& boundless thanks for
all the kindness you have
both shown us

Always truly yours

John Ball